

**CIP  
EXPENSE DETAIL**

**DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

7/29/14

**CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):**

PWD

**SUBJECT:** Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP154, to provide engineering services for development of the YBC Urban Trail Route in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.

**CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Public Works Department</b>
Project Name:	YBC Urban Trail
Fund/Department/Unit:	8112 6207 A020
Funding Source:	PWD FY13-14 Capital Budget
Current Appropriation:	1,152,730.00
Unencumbered Balance:	1,074,730.00
Amount of This Action:	<u>(800,000.00)</u>
Remaining Balance:	<u>274,730.00</u>
Total Amount of this Action	<u><u>800,000.00</u></u>

**ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The purpose of this project is to provide field engineering services for the five mile Urban Trail from the Y at Oak Hill to Barton Creek, namely the upcoming Mopac Bicycle Bridge project. The trail would service several major employers (AMD, Freescale), schools (St. Andrews, ACC Pinnacle Campus) and local residents. The YBC Trail will help to complete Austin's trail network by connecting the Oak Hill area of southwest Austin to downtown Austin. The trail will provide an alternative transportation way through neighborhoods, schools, businesses, parks, shops and enjoy the benefits of green spaces. It will connect both nature and urban life.

The Phase I Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) will include environmental analysis and research regarding easement acquisition. The environmental analysis will include the preparation of any necessary documents, including an Environmental Resource Inventory. The goal of the trail in the area is to create public access to the land without compromising water quality. The recommendations for easement acquisition will include a parcel by parcel analysis and cost estimate for the proposed route.

Phase II encompasses design and bid documents preparation and Phase III is construction management services. Phases II & III are contingent upon specific written authorization and funding. Council authorization is for Phase I services only.